GACHUNK

CLUNK

# ACT 80—

# AS SHAKESPEARE SAID...

VROOM

GAAHH

YOU IDIOT!

KATOU, I'LL PROTECT YOU! GO TO THE FRONT WITH HOUAN-SAN!!

THE OWNER OF MY DEAR ELEONO-RE...

SHE HAS ALREADY DECIDED FOR HERSELF...

...WHO HER OWNER IS GOING TO BE.

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HEEH.

...MUST BE YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH, YOU SEE...

EVER SINCE I CAME HERE, I'VE HAD AN URGE TO MAKE THAT LITTLE LADY MINE.

THAT BEING SAID, I SWEAR ON A DOVE'S BEAK THAT, BY ALL MEANS...

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POP

I SHALL BRING FORTH THE DEATH OF YOU!

STAB

URGH!

GRAB

SLIDE

SLIDE

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, HARLEQUIN: YOUR OPPONENT IS ME!

W-WHAT ARE YOU...?!

WOOSH

HERE I GO!

FWISH

SNAP

BESIDES, YOU WON'T DIE ANYWAY, SO I'LL PLAY WITH YOU A LITTLE!

OH, WELL. EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE MY BELOVED, IT SEEMS THAT YOU NEED TO BE PUNISHED!

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H-HEY!

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HUH?

ROOKIE, STOP SPACING OUT. LET'S ESCAPE.

IF YOU DIE WHILE FIGHTIN', WHO'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE?

YOU'RE GOING TO FLY THAT SHUTTLE TO SPACE TO MAKE FACELESS SPILL THE CURE FOR ZONAPHA SYNDROME.

THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT. WE CAN'T LET YOU GET HURT.

D-DO YOU EVEN THINK SHE CAN WIN THIS?!

I THOUGHT YOU HATED THAT WOMAN.

'THE HELL ARE YA SAYIN'?

BUT I WON'T LOSE...

HUH?

JUST LEAVE HER BE.



YEAH...

Y...

BLAM

BLAM

SHIRO-GANE...

NOW SHE HAS NO CHANCE OF WINNING.

AWW, HARLEQUIN STARTED PLAYING FOR REAL.

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AFTER ALL, YOU TOLD US SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT THE HUMANS WERE DOING.

GOOD WORK, YOU TWO. YOUR IN-FORMATION WAS VERY USEFUL.

Y-YES...

WELL, HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THAT, I WOULD'VE KILLED YOU TWO LONG AGO BACK AT KUROGA VILLAGE.

RIGHT, I'LL HELP YOU OUT. WHENEVER YOU ARE.

S-SO, PLEASE LET US LIVE...

ISN'T THAT GREAT? YOU CAN LIVE HAPPILY IN THIS VAST WORLD, JUST THE TWO OF YOU.

ZONAPHA SYNDROME WILL ANNIHILATE ALL OF HUMANKIND IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE DAYS, RIGHT?

I'M GOING TO DESTROY THE ENGINE NOW, SO THAT HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE, THE SPACE SHUTTLE, GETS CRUSHED.

NOW, HUSH! GO AND APPRECIATE THE JOY OF LIVING.

SNAP

...!

HAHAAAAH! CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S FUTILE?!

YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH A SHABBY MARIONETTE LIKE THAT!!

WOOSH

HUH?!

WHAT'S THAT BRIEFCASE FOR?

HM?



I FIGURED IT MIGHT HAVE ONE OF THOSE PUPPETS THAT THE SHIROGANE USES.

HUMM.

I-IT'S NOTHING!

T-THIS, MASARU WAS GOING TO GIVE IT TO SHIROGANE...

THERE'S NO WAY HARLEQUIN'S GOING TO LOSE, BUT GIVE IT TO ME ANYWAY. I'LL DESTROY IT.

Y-YES, RIGHT AWAY! HEY, NAOTA, CAN YOU PUSH IT?

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HUH?

IS A CIRCUS WITHOUT AN AUDIENCE ANY FUN?

YOU TWO ARE CIRCUS ARTISTS, RIGHT?

DON'T WORRY.. I JUST CAME TO TALK ABOUT HOW YOU TWO ARE ENEMY SPIES.

W-WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE TODAY?

NOW GO ON AND LIVE YOUR LIVES AS YOU WISH... OH, YES...

THAT'S FINE, I WON'T TELL ABOUT YOU TWO.

HEY, NAOTA, PUSH IT PROPERLY OR WE CAN'T GIVE IT TO HIM.

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...COULD EVER GET ALONG WITH A BLOOD-SUCKING AUTOMA-TON...

STOP JOKING AROUND... THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN...

DRIP ぽたた

GIVE IT A REST AND LET'S GET ALONG, SHALL WE?

THAT'S ENOUGH, RIGHT? LOOK, YOU'RE ALL DRENCHED IN BLOOD.

YOU SERIOUSLY THINK OF YOURSELF AS A HUMAN?! GET THIS THROUGH YOUR HEAD: A HUMAN THAT DOESN'T DIE ISN'T AN ACTUAL HUMAN!

AHYAHYA HYAH!

YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE AUTOMATA!

I BET THAT NO HUMAN WOULD EVER ACCEPT YOU!

...YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT... BUT STILL... I...

I CAN SACRIFICE THIS BODY FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE I LOVE!

NO... NAOTA, LET GO!

I DON'T WANT US TO DIE!

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OH? THE BIG FELLOW DOESN'T WANT TO HAND IT OVER?

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NAOTA? MR. JIMMY WON'T WAIT FOREVER!

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IN THAT CASE...

YOU HAVE TO DIE.

SHARP

...JUST STAYING ALIVE...

...ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH... PAPA.

YOU WANT TO LIVE!

RIGHT? WE WANT TO LIVE!

BLAM

AND THAT'S YOUR LAST MARIO-NETTE!

T-THERE'S NOTHIN'... TO BE GAINED...

WHERE THERE'S NO FUN TO HAVE...

AS SHAKE-SPEARE SAID...

AS...



HEY! NAOTA!!

PAPAAA, I'LL BE TOO LONELY TO GO ON LIVING WITHOUT EVERYBODY ELSE!

RISE

SHI-RO-GA-NEE!!

THEN, GO MEET EVERY-BODY ELSE IN THE NEXT WORLD!

TOSS

I REALLY LOVE YA, AFTER ALL!

YOU FOOL, WHAT CAN A HUMAN LIKE YOU EVEN DO?!

AH!

BAM

THUD

ONLY MEMORIES ARE CAPABLE OF REALLY SCARING ME...

REMEMBER WHAT VILMA SAID?

PAPA...

N-NO...

I COULDN'T BEAR TO GO ON LIVING WITH THE MEMORY OF BETRAYING THE HUMANS!!

NAOTA!! YOUR PAPA REALLY IS A WEAK MAN!!

PULL

OOH, DAMN YOU!!

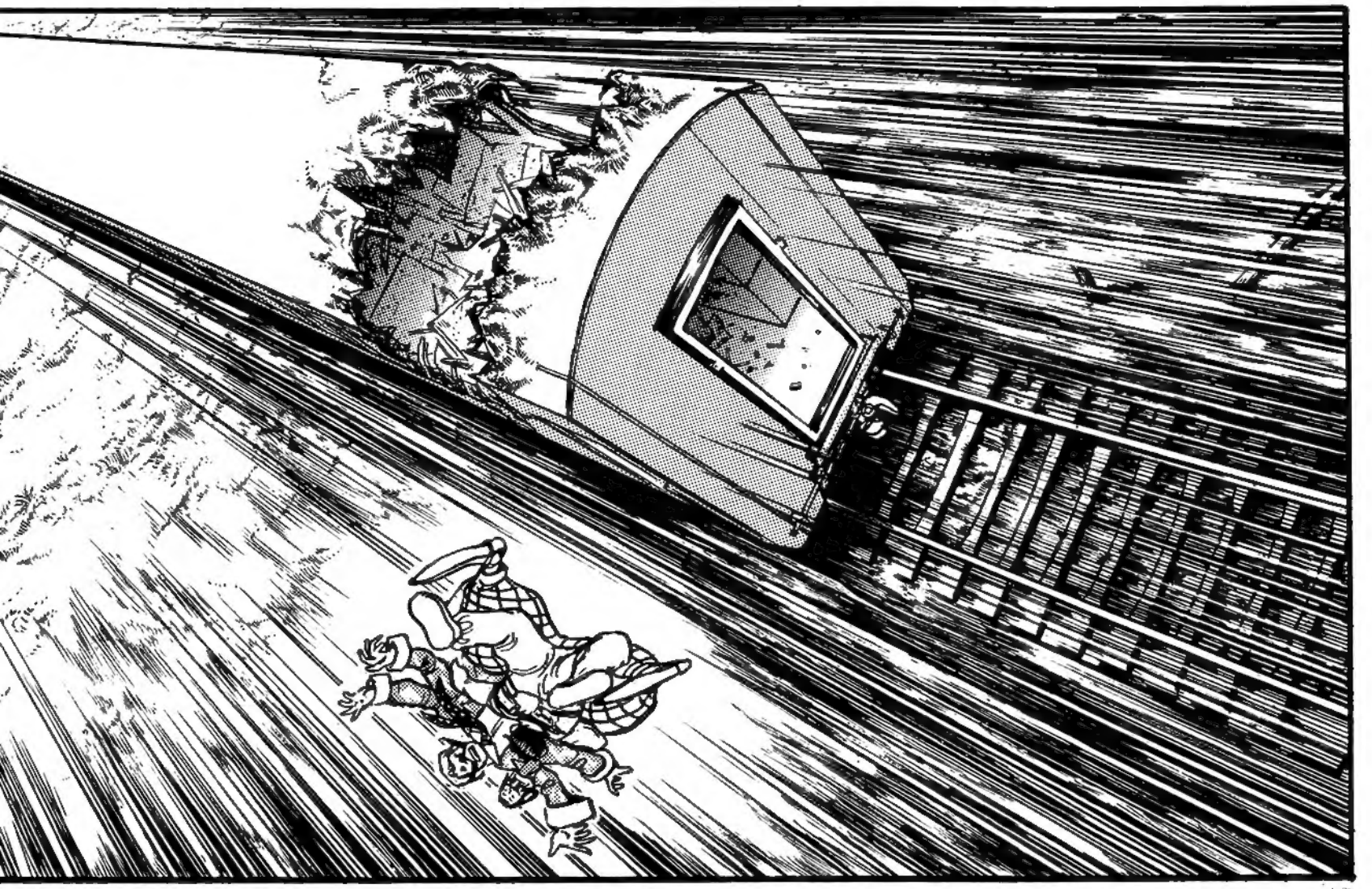
PULL

MITSU-USHI-SAN!

NAOTA!

THUD

ME TOO, PAPAAA!



IS THIS...?!

SLAM

...THAT'S IT AIN'T GONNA BE USEFUL FOR SHIT!

WOOSH

HAH, IS THAT SOME NEW PUPPET? BUT I SWEAR ON A PIG'S NECK...



ARLE-QUIN!